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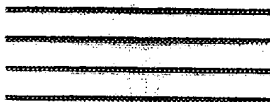
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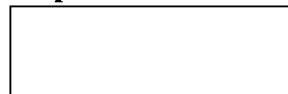
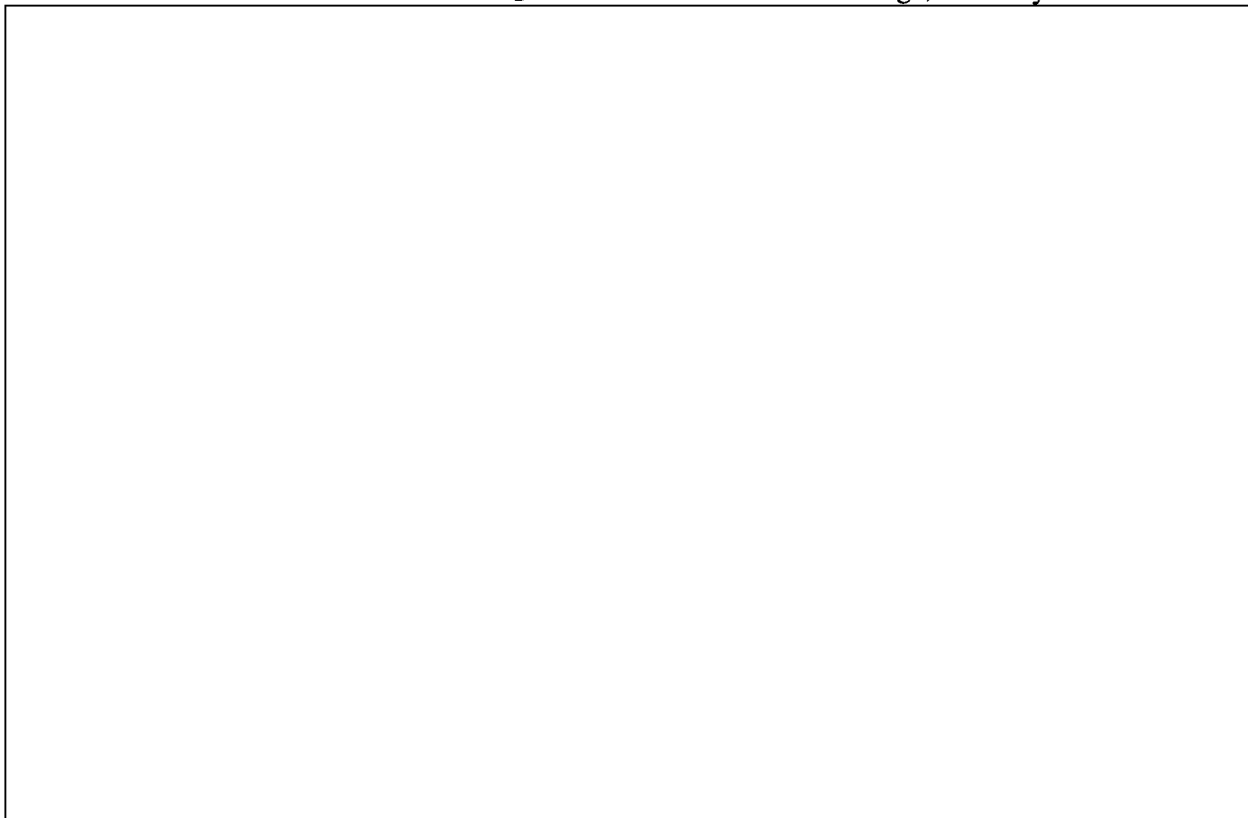


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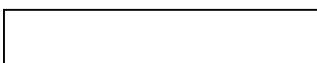
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Both houses will meet in special sessions, probably beginning on Thursday, [redacted] Debate on the financial package may prove contentious; the leftist opposition has called the requirement that oil revenues be used as collateral "treason" and will lead the attack.

- Finance Secretary Ortiz will be asked to appear, and [redacted] [redacted] some ruling-party legislators are likely to join the opposition in voting against the package.

[redacted]

A congressional committee proposal aimed at restarting peace talks with the Zapatista National Liberation Army (EZLN) also will be debated.

- The plan recommends creation of a "peace zone" where talks with the EZLN would take place, outlines a program for governing Chiapas, and includes an amnesty agreement that President Zedillo has suggested.
- Congressmen sponsoring the proposal claim they have the support of Government Secretary Moctezuma and Chiapas mediator Ruiz, [redacted]

The Mexican Congress historically follows the president's wishes in national policy matters, and the large ruling-party majority is likely to endorse the financial package eventually. Furthermore, the development of the Chiapas strategy by a multiparty committee probably will help smooth its passage.

- *If ruling-party hardliners see the peace proposal, particularly the new plan for governing Chiapas, overly lenient to rebels, they probably will object.* [redacted]

**Trade Figures
Encouraging**

Meanwhile, Mexico's staggering trade deficit was reduced by nearly 70 percent from the previous month to about \$450 million in January. Compared with last January, exports were up by 35 percent while imports increased by only 8 percent. [redacted] [redacted]

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